



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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## Customer Assistance

DAVID E. TIDER,

PETITIONER,

V.

UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,

RESPONDENT.

## ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION

BPU Docket No. WC02080559U  
OAL Docket No. PUC 9812-02

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On August 15, 2002, David E. Tider (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing alleging overbilling by United Water New Jersey (Respondent). On September 4, 2002, Respondent filed an answer denying the allegations.

On October 16, 2002, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Edith Klinger.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and executed a Stipulation of Settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On April 30, 2003, ALJ Klinger filed her Initial Decision with the Board, recommending that the settlement be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

The settlement provides that Petitioner will pay United Water New Jersey the sum of \$1,360.72 in quarterly installments of \$100.00, in addition to regular ongoing charges.

After review, the Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 6/5/03

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